IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:

downloading an email forwarding engine from a server computer to a client personal computer, the downloaded email forwarding engine including computer-readable instructions to cause the client personal computer to [[for]]

examining examine start criteria, the start criteria being independent of email stored in an email datastore of an email server;

determining determine whether the start criteria are met;

obtaining obtain new email events from the email datastore when the start criteria are met, the new email events including transactional information indicating a status of the email stored in the email datastore of the email server;

forwarding forward information including corresponding to the new email events via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server;

comparing compare the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with start criteria stored on the server; and

synchronizing synchronize the start criteria stored on the client personal computer and the start criteria stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer storing including a client software for downloading to a client personal computer, the client software including

a client configuration engine configured to determine whether start criteria are met, the start criteria being independent of email stored on an email datastore of an email server, the client configuration engine also being configured to compare the start criteria stored on

the client personal computer with start criteria stored on the server and to synchronize the

start criteria stored on the client personal computer with the start criteria stored on the server

when a difference is detected therebetween;

a retrieval engine, coupled to the client configuration engine, configured to receive

new email events from the email datastore, the new email events including transactional

information indicating a status of the email stored on the email datastore of the email server;

and

a data transmitter, coupled to the retrieval engine, configured to forward [[the]]

information including corresponding to the new email events via a computer network to a

datastore associated with the server.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:

establishing a communications channel between a server and a client personal

computer system;

downloading, to the client computer system, an email forwarding engine;

receiving, at the client computer system, information including corresponding to new

email events from an email datastore of an email server, the email events including

transactional information indicating a status of emails stored on the email datastore of the

email server the client computer system;

storing the information including corresponding to the new email events in a datastore

associated with the server;

forwarding the information stored in the datastore associated with the server to an

appropriate client personal computer; and

comparing start criteria stored on the server with start criteria stored on the client

personal computer, the start criteria stored on the server and the start criteria stored on the

client personal computer being independent of the information stored in the datastore,

wherein the start criteria of the client personal computer is synchronized to the start

criteria of the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer including a datastore and a client software for downloading to a

client personal computer, the client software including

a retrieval engine to retrieve new email events from an email datastore <u>of an</u>

<u>email server, the email events including transactional information indicating a status</u>

<u>of emails stored on the email datastore of the email server</u>, and

a client configuration engine configured to determine whether start criteria are

met, the start criteria being independent of <u>the emails</u> ~~email~~ stored on an email

datastore, the client configuration engine also being configured to compare the start

criteria stored on the client personal computer with start criteria stored on the server

and to synchronize the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with the

start criteria stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween;

the server being configured to establish communications with the client computer

system, receive information <u>including</u> ~~corresponding to~~ new email events from the client

computer system, store the information <u>including</u> ~~corresponding to~~ the new email events in

the datastore <u>of the server</u>, and convey the information stored in the datastore <u>of the server</u> to

an appropriate client personal computer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:

downloading an email forwarding engine from a server computer system to a client

personal computer, the downloaded email forwarding engine including <u>computer-readable</u>

instructions <u>to cause the client personal computer to</u> [[for]]

~~obtaining~~ <u>obtain</u> filter control data, the filter control data being independent of email

data<u>, the email data including transactional information indicating a status of the email data</u>;

~~examining~~ <u>examine</u> the email data against the filter control data;

~~determining~~ <u>determine</u> the email data that will be forwarded based on the

examination;

~~selecting~~ <u>select</u> at least one transfer protocol for the email data based on the

examination;

~~forwarding~~ <u>forward</u> the email data according to the at least one transfer protocol via a

computer network to a datastore associated with the server;

~~comparing~~ <u>compare</u> the filter control data stored on the client personal computer with

filter control data stored on the server at predetermined time intervals; and

~~synchronizing~~ <u>synchronize</u> the filter control data stored on the client personal

computer to the filter control data stored on the server when a difference is detected between

therebetween.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer including a client software for downloading to a client personal

computer, the client software including

a filter configured to examine email data against filter control data~~, for selecting~~ <u>to</u>

<u>select</u> email data based on the examination, and configured to determine at least one transfer

protocol for the email data based on the examination<u>, the email data including transactional</u>

<u>information indicating a status of the email data</u>;

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a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, configured to forward the email data

according to the at least one transfer protocol via a computer network to a datastore

associated with the server [[;]] and server software that forwards the forwarded email data to

a remote device;

a client configuration engine configured to compare the filter control data stored on

the client personal computer with a filter control data stored on the server and configured to

synchronize the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control

data stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween,

wherein the filter control data stored on the client personal computer and the filter

control data stored on the server are independent of the email data.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:

downloading a computer program from a server computer system to a client personal

computer, the downloaded computer program including <u>computer-readable</u> instructions <u>to</u>

<u>cause the client personal computer to</u> [[for]]

~~obtaining~~ <u>obtain</u> filter control data, the filter control data being independent of email

data<u>, the email data including transactional information indicating a status of the email data</u>;

~~examining~~ <u>examine</u> the email data against the filter control data;

~~determining~~ <u>determine,</u> based on the examination, the email data that should not be

forwarded;

~~generating~~ <u>generate</u> receipt data identifying the email data that should not be

forwarded;

~~forwarding~~ <u>forward</u> the receipt data via a computer network to a datastore associated

with the server;

~~comparing~~ <u>compare</u> the filter control data stored on the client personal computer with filter control data stored on the server; and

~~synchronizing~~ <u>synchronize</u> the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control data stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer including a client software for downloading to a client personal computer, the client software including

a filter configured to examine email data against filter control data, the filter control data being independent of the email data, and configured to determine, based on the examination, the email data that will not be forwarded<u>, the email data including transactional information indicating a status of the email data</u>;

a receipt generator, coupled to the filter, for generating receipt data identifying the email data that should not be forwarded;

a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, for forwarding the receipt data via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server; and

a client configuration engine configured to compare the filter control data stored on the client personal computer with filter control data stored on the server and configured to synchronize the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control data stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claims 9-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the downloaded email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the email events include emails.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 2, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 2, wherein the downloaded email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 2, wherein the email events include emails.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 3, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 3, wherein the email events include emails.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 4, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 4, wherein the email events include emails.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 5, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 5, wherein the downloaded email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 6, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 6, wherein the downloaded email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 7, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 8, wherein the client personal computer is protected by a firewall.

Claim 47 (New): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the transactional information includes information indicating the email as at least one of created email, forwarded email, replied to email and deleted email.

Claim 48 (New): The system according to Claim 2, wherein the transactional information includes information indicating the email as at least one of created email, forwarded email, replied to email and deleted email.

Claim 49 (New): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the transactional information includes information indicating the email as at least one of created email, forwarded email, replied to email and deleted email.

Claim 50 (New): The system according to Claim 4, wherein the transactional information includes information indicating the email as at least one of created email, forwarded email, replied to email and deleted email.

Claim 51 (New): The method according to Claim 5, wherein the transactional information includes information indicating the email as at least one of created email, forwarded email, replied to email and deleted email.

Claim 52 (New): The system according to Claim 6, wherein the transactional information includes information indicating the email as at least one of created email, forwarded email, replied to email and deleted email.

Claim 53 (New): The method according to Claim 7, wherein the transactional information includes information indicating the email as at least one of created email, forwarded email, replied to email and deleted email.

Claim 54 (New): The system according to Claim 8, wherein the transactional information includes information indicating the email as at least one of created email, forwarded email, replied to email and deleted email.